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In re application of:  
Ruei-Hung Jang, et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
FILTERING CONTAMINANTS

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Sir:

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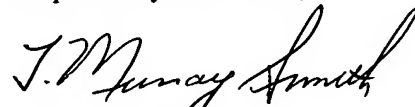
On December 27, 2005, Applicants filed a Response that amends the claims. In reply, the Examiner issued an Advisory Action on February 21, 2006. With reference to lines 3(c) and 7 of Form PTOL-303, the Advisory Action indicates that Applicants' amendments have not been entered, because the amendments were not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues. However, in the first line on the continuation sheet, the Examiner makes a directly inconsistent assertion, stating that "the applicants amendment has reduced issues for appeal". Consequently, although it is very clear from the Advisory Action that the Examiner did not enter the amendments in Applicants' Response, the Advisory Action fails to clearly give any specific reason as to why the amendments were not entered.

The continuation sheet of the Advisory Action also indicates that the Examiner is maintaining the grounds of rejection set forth in the "final" Office Action mailed on October 14,

2005. This means, for example, that the Examiner is maintaining the anticipation rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 of Claim 1, as Claim 1 was presented before filing on December 27 of Applicants' proposed amendment to Claim 1 (and in particular the proposed amendment that the Advisory Action refused to enter). Accordingly, the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed in part to obtain entry of the December 27 amendments that were refused entry, and in order to obtain consideration on the merits of the amended claims.

If the Examiner believes that examination of the present application may be advanced in any way by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at 972-739-8647. Although Applicants believe that no fee is due in association with the filing of this Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-1394 of Haynes and Boone, LLP.

Respectfully submitted,



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